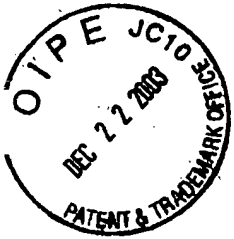


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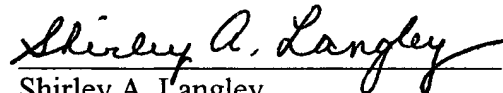
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FIRST RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the non-final Office Action of October 20, 2003 in the RCE application which rejected all of the pending elected claims under §103.

In response to this non-final Action, please amend claims 23 and 32 as follows: